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SUBJ: ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT REQUESTS US ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
SERVICES OF TELEVISION EXPERTS

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1. I MET AUGUST 6 WITH MINISTER OF STATE HASSAN NASSOR
MOYO AT HIS REQUEST. PURPOSE OF MEETING, ALSO ATTENDED BY
ZANZIBAR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN SULIEMAN MNOGA, WAS TO REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING TWO EXPERTS FOR EXTENDED WORK WITH ZANZIBAR
TELEVISION. (THIS WAS SUBJECT WHICH FIRST VP JUMBE
INTENDED TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR CARTER JULY 31 IN
DAR ES SALAAM, NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE
ON CONSULTATION). MOYO THEREFORE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY
JUMBE TO TAKE IT UP WITH ME HERE.

2. I ADVISED MOYO AND MNOGA THAT I SAW NO POSSIBILITY
WHATSOEVER THAT USG COULD PROVIDE DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN THIS REGARD, AND AGAIN UNDERLINED PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY
CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH WE OPERATE.

3. NOYO THEN STATED, REFERRING TO WHAT APPEARED TO BE A
MEMORANDUM FROM THE FIRST VP, THAT ZANZIBAR IN ANY CASE FELT
USA WAS BEST SOURCE OF EXPERTISE IN TELEVISION OPERATIONS AND
WANTED TO SECURE SERVICES OF AMERICANS EVEN IF ZANZIBAR HAD
TO FOOT THE BILL. STRESSING AGAIN THAT ZANZIBAR WOULD HAVE TO,
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I TOLD MOYO THAT WE COULD ON THOSE TERMS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

INDIVIDUALS WITH REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS ON BEHALF OF GOZ. I REQUESTED AND MOYO AGREED TO FURNISH PARTICULARS ON BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DESIRED PERSONNEL. IN GENERAL TERMS, GOZ DESIRES SERVICES OF ONE PRODUCER/DIRECTOR FOR STUDIO WORK AND ONE CINEMATOGRAPHER/FILM EXPERT LARGELY FOR OUTSIDE AND FIELD WORK, EACH FOR ONE TO TWO YEARS. TRAINING COMPONENT WOULD BE MAJOR ASPECT OF BOTH POSITIONS.

4. MOYO STRESSED THAT DECISION TO SEEK US PERSONNEL, ON CONTRACT/HIRE BASIS IF NECESSARY, WAS JUMBE'S. HE ADDED THAT REQUEST WAS BEING COORDINATED WITH TANZANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY BE KEPT ADVISED OF PROGRESS ON MATTER.

5. SINCE I HAD BOTH MOYO AND MNOGA TOGETHER, I REFERRED TO MY JULY 31 LETTER TO MNOGA SUMMARIZING EARLIER MEETING OF JUMBE AND AMBASSADOR WHICH INTER ALIA PROPOSED 3-MONTH STAG VISIT BY SPECIALIST IN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION TO ASSESS TVZ AND RELATED RESOURCES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO JUMBE RE OPTIMAL USE OF SAME. I STRESSED THAT THIS WAS SEPARATE MATTER, INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY BUDGET, WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY SUPPLEMENT BUT SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH REQUEST TO IDENTIFY EXPERTS WHO COULD BE ENGAGED BY GOZ. MNOGA PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ME SHORTLY ON THIS MATTER.

6. COMMENT: IT IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT GOZ WILL NOT AGAIN SWITCH SIGNALS RE TELEVISION EXPERTS, AND MAKE RENEWED PITCH TO HAVE THEM FURNISHED BY USG OR SEEK THEM FROM OTHER SOURCES. BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE A TOP-LEVEL AND CONSIDERED DECISION BASED ON JUMBE'S DETERMINATION TO PUT TVZ TO BETTER USE AND GOZ'S WILLINGNESS TO PAY HARD CASH FOR SOMETHING IT NEEDS (OR THINKS IT NEEDS). CONSULATE EXPRESSES HOPE THAT, ONCE FURTHER PARTICULARSON EXPERTS ARE AVAILABLE, DEPARTMENT AND USIA WILL BE ABLE FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THESE POSITIONS IN RESPONSE TO GOZ REQUEST.

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